From March 11–14, 2020, distinguished panelists from government, industry, private law practice, and academia will convene in Annapolis, Maryland to participate in the Annual Federal Procurement Institute (FPI), the flagship program of the ABA Section of Public Contract Law. This year marks 26 years of discussing federal government procurement developments in our area of practice.

**Keynote Luncheon Address**  
Friday, March 13, 2020

The Honorable Ellen Lord  
Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment  
U. S. Department of Defense  
Washington, DC

The FPI offers a unique opportunity to learn about varying perspectives and reasoning taken by the public contract community’s stakeholders by engaging the panelists and your fellow participants in a spirited exchange of ideas throughout the two-day institute and the multiple networking events scheduled throughout the program.

The opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow public contract professionals continues on Saturday, March 14 when our Section Council will meet in open session to discuss action and information on legislation, regulations, and other current issues important to government contract practitioners.

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Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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Women's Networking Event
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5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Optional Practicum: Organizational Conflicts of Interest: Why They Matter & How to Address Them  REGISTRATION FEE: $40
This panel discussion will provide a practical deep dive into the analysis of Organizational Conflicts of Interest (OCI) from a legal, regulatory and compliance perspective. The panel will present an overview of the three types of OCI and discuss applicable requirements imposed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS). The panel also will discuss recent GAO bid protest decisions involving OCIs (arising pre-award and post-award) and explain how these decisions have shaped the practical legal analysis and guided best practices in this area.

PANELISTS
Liza V. Craig, Counsel, Reed Smith LLP, Washington, DC
Stephen S. Kaye, Assistant General Counsel, Leidos, Inc., Chantilly, VA
Victoria (Tory) H. Kauffman, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Washington, DC
James G. Peyster, Counsel, Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, DC

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Opening Remarks and Introduction

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From Due Diligence to Novation: Navigating the Legal and Cultural Impacts of Mergers & Acquisitions
The trend toward consolidation, especially in the defense industry, continues unabated, with consequences for outside counsel, in-house counsel, and government attorneys. M&A involving government contractors generates a host of specialized issues that the typical government contracting attorney may not be equipped to address. In addition, the merger of previously separate companies (and previously separate law departments) with different cultures presents its own set of challenges. This panel of in-house, government, and outside counsel will discuss the government contracting expertise that should be included in the due diligence process prior to closing the deal, best practices for addressing post-closing legal issues, and practical approaches to help smooth the way for culture change.

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Brad Jorgensen, Partner, DLA Piper LLP, Austin, TX
Jennifer Santos, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy, U. S. Department of Defense, Washington, DC
Michele St. Mary, Vice President, General Counsel, L3Harris Technologies, Herndon, VA
Joe Ugliarolo, Formerly Chief Operations Officer & General Counsel, MicroTech, Vienna, VA

Thursday, March 12, 2020

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Every year, between 2,500 to 3,000 bid protests are filed at GAO, with another 100 to 200 protests filed at the Court of Federal Claims. Yet year in and year out, less than 20% of GAO protests are sustained, and the win rate is even lower at COFC. In addition, new DoD and legislative agendas seek to curtail a contractor’s ability to protest. Given these facts, and the legal fees and other costs associated with protesting, why protest at all? This panel will present industry and outside counsel perspectives on why the ability to protest provides important protections to the contractor and helps ensure integrity in the procurement process. The panelists will discuss the practical considerations that enter into where and whether to protest, and the impact that proposed legislation and recent judicial decisions have had on that decision-making process.

PANELISTS
Justin A. Chiarodo, Partner, Blank Rome, Washington, DC
Seth Locke, Partner, Perkins Coie, Washington, DC
Erin B. Sheppard, Principal and Associate General Counsel, Booz Allen Hamilton, Mclean, VA
Anuj Vohra, Partner, Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
Optional Government Construction Contracts Program: Recession or Economic Downturn—How to Protect Your Rights and Determine Your Remedies

This session will address the following subtopics:
★ The Miller Act—How to make a claim on a payment bond
★ Releases and waivers and how to incorporate Reservation of Rights language
★ Bankruptcy—A subcontractor or general contractor files for bankruptcy—Now what do you do?

PANELISTS
Olya Antle, Associate, Cooley LLP, Washington, DC
Shawn Kelly, Claim Counsel, Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America, Hunt Valley, MD
Erin Frazee Masini, Senior Associate, Fox Rothschild LLP, Washington, DC
Jonathan Mitz, Vice President, Ennis Electric Co, Manassas, VA
Kyle P. Murphy, Vice President and Senior Claims Officer, International Fidelity Insurance Company (IFIC Surety), Baltimore, MD
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Young Lawyers No Host Luncheon

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm
2019 Public Contract Law Journal Writing Competition Winner Presentation

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
View from the Inside: Perspectives on the Qualities of ADR in Different Fora

ADR is not the same in every forum in which parties seek resolution of procurement and contracting disputes. In GAO, for instance, where bid protests constitute the vast majority of cases brought, almost all ADR consists of outcome prediction by the assigned attorney. By contrast, the robust ADR programs at the Boards of Contract Appeal, ODRA, and the Court of Federal Claims tend to emphasize mediation, but not exclusively, and each tribunal has a slightly different approach. Here, the panelists will discuss the ADR experience at their respective venues and provide insights into the most effective presentations and strategies for litigants.

PANELISTS
Hon. Marie A. Collins, Administrative Judge and Dispute Resolution Officer, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, DC
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3:45 pm – 4:00 pm
Networking Break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Somebody is Watching: The Impact of Increased Government Oversight on Cybersecurity Compliance

It’s difficult to open the newspaper without reading about another company or government entity that has been the victim of a cyberattack. Not surprisingly, there is growing concern from within the Government and in industry that the existing Government contractor cybersecurity requirements are not working to adequately protect our nation’s important data. The Department of Defense has taken a leading role in formulating new policies addressing this important matter in government contracting. This panel, featuring the lead for formulating and aligning DoD acquisition cyber strategy, as well as a technical consultant, in-house counsel, and outside counsel, will discuss recent changes to DoD’s cybersecurity compliance requirements and their potential impact on contractors.

PANELISTS
Katie Arrington, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition for Cyber, Office of the Under Secretary of Acquisiton and Sustainment, Washington, DC
Susan Cassidy, Partner, Covington & Burling, Washington, DC
Ryan Heidorn, Managing Partner and Co-Founder, Steel Root, Salem, MA
Christine Ricci, Executive Counsel, General Electric, Richmond, VA

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
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Section Fellows Dinner FEE $72
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Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:15 am
Opening Remarks and Introductions

8:15 am – 9:45 am
Maintaining Technological Superiority in the Post-Cold War Era: Balancing Public/Private Interests When Acquiring Rights in Technical Data and Computer Software for Systems Requiring Sustainment and Modernization

The government spends the majority of its procurement dollars sustaining aging systems and equipment. With ever present budget constraints, access to technical data and computer software is needed to affordably maintain, upgrade, and modernize new and legacy systems, along with incentives to innovate and succeed through competitive means. This panel will present industry and government perspectives on successful procurement strategies and recent government and industry initiatives to balance competing interests, including strategies for the acquisition of technical data and computer software rights for sustainment.

**PANELISTS**

- **Mark Borowski**, Chief IP Counsel, IBM Federal, Washington, DC
- **Chuck Harris**, Associate Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Army, Washington, DC
- **Barry J. Hurewitz**, Partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Washington, DC
- **James McEwen**, Assistant General Counsel, Intellectual Property, Rotary Mission Systems at Lockheed Martin, Stratford, CT

9:45 am – 10:00 am
Networking Break

10:00 am – 11:30 am
**Contracting For Innovation: Leveraging Alternative Procurement Vehicles to Deliver Capability at the Speed of Relevance**

Our current acquisition system, with its decade-long major system development cycle, is rooted in an earlier era where government needs were more predictable and critical technologies were developed at a uniform pace largely through government investment. But we no longer have the luxury of time; today we face ever evolving challenges fueled by rapid technological change that render our major system procurement model obsolete. Novel, breakthrough technologies are advanced by non-traditional government contractors, wary of doing business with the federal government. This presentation will discuss the use of alternative procurement techniques and approaches to leverage private sector technologies, accelerate contracting timelines, and deliver cutting edge capabilities. Here, we will discuss innovative statutory authorities, such as section 804 of the FY2016 NDAA, and the expanded use of OTAs, cooperative agreements, CRADAs, partnership intermediary agreements, and other non-FAR based contracting vehicles.

**PANELISTS**

- **Diane M. Sidebottom**, Learning Director for Other Transaction Agreements and Grants, Defense Acquisition University, Belvoir, VA
- **Jerry L. Trepkowski**, Senior Counsel, The Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, MD
- **Armani Vadiee**, Member, Smith Pachter McWhorter PLC, Tysons Corner, VA
11:45 am – 1:15 pm
Keynote Luncheon Address [TICKETS: $50]


1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Recent Developments in False Claims Act Jurisprudence

The False Claims Act is one law that everyone in government contracting should know at least something about. Developments in the past few years include two decisions from the Supreme Court, consolidated guidance from the Department of Justice regarding cooperation credit, de-emphasis on sub-regulatory guidance as a predicate for FCA enforcement, and a new emphasis on the dismissal of unmeritorious qui tam lawsuits. This panel will explore how these developments have changed—or not changed—how contractors can assess False Claims Act risk, structure compliance systems, and effectively respond to government scrutiny.

PANELISTS
Robert J. Conlan, Jr., Partner, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, DC
Maureen Del Duca, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Northrop Grumman Corp., Falls Church, VA
Alex P. Hontos, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis, MN
Jacob Schunk, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Iowa, United States Attorney's Office, Cedar Rapids, IA
Michal Tingle, Assistant Director, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, Fraud Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC

3:15 pm – 5:15 pm
Ethics Issues Regarding Social Media and Government Contracting

This presentation will address the various social media tools that populate our daily lives and how social media has become a component of attorney competence. The panel will discuss the various applicable ABA model rules and some select states’ rules of professional conduct that apply when addressing social media-related issues in legal practice generally, and particularly as these issues may apply to the government contracting community.

PANELISTS
Tom Mason, Partner, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Washington, DC
Andrew D. Pilant, Senior Counsel, Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc., Avondale, LA
Preston L. Pugh, Member, Miller & Chevalier Chartered, Washington, DC

5:15 pm – 6:45 pm
Section Reception

Saturday, March 14, 2020
8:00 am – 12:00 noon
Section Council Meeting

Please join the leaders of the Section in this open session to discuss actions and information on legislation, regulations, and other current issues important to government contracts practitioners. All section members and registrants of the FPI are welcome to attend the Council Meeting.

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Section Leadership Brainstorming Session

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Networking Events

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8:00 pm – 9:30 pm
“No Host” Federal, State, & Local Government Attorney’s Networking Event

Thursday, March 12, 2020

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
Young Lawyers’ No Host Lunch

Here’s an opportunity to network with other young lawyer colleagues or introduce yourself to someone new over lunch at a local Annapolis establishment. Please indicate your intent to attend on the online registration form. Lunch will be No Host — cash only.

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
Reception Sponsored by WilmerHale

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
No-Host (Dine Arouneds) Dinners

Join your colleagues of all levels of experience for conversation over dinner as part of this organized dining event in Annapolis. Indicate your intent to participate and check the “No Host Dine Out” box on the online registration form. Restaurant sign-ups will take place on-site at the FPI Registration Desk. Each dinner will be led by a Section Leader. Dinners are No Host — cash only.

5:15 pm – 6:45 pm
Section Reception

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10:00 am – 11:00 am
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